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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 2; Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 26 and Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, relative to providing coverage for early detection for prostate cancer.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section _____. Notwithstanding any provision of state insurance committee policy or regulation or law to the contrary, the basic plan providing for life, accident and medical expense insurance provided pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-201 shall include the following coverage for early detection for prostate cancer:

(1) Upon the recommendation of a physician, medically recognized early detection including, but not limited to, a digital rectal examination and prostate-specific antigen test at age forty (40) for covered persons having a family history of prostate cancer; and

(2) An annual medically recognized early detection examination including, but not limited to, a digital rectal examination and a prostate-specific antigen test for:

(1) Asymptomatic men, aged fifty (50) and over;

(2) African-American men, aged forty (40) and over.

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SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section _____. Managed care organizations which provide health care to patients and enrollees through the TennCare program shall include the following coverage for early detection for prostate cancer:

(1) Upon the recommendation of a physician, medically recognized early detection including, but not limited to, a digital rectal examination and prostate-specific antigen test at age forty (40) for covered persons having a family history of prostate cancer; and

(2) An annual medically recognized early detection examination including, but not limited to, a digital rectal examination and a prostate-specific antigen test for:

(1) Asymptomatic men, aged fifty (50) and over;

(2) African-American men, aged forty (40) and over.

The provisions of this section shall apply to service rendered on or after the renewal date of a contract for the provision of TennCare services between the state and a managed care organization after the effective date of this act unless the contract permits an earlier implementation.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 26, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section _____. Any individual, franchise, blanket or group health insurance policy, medical service plan contract, hospital service corporation contract, hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society, or health maintenance organization shall offer to its insureds or enrollees the following coverage for early detection for prostate cancer:

(1) Upon the recommendation of a physician, medically recognized early detection including, but not limited to, a digital rectal examination and prostate-

specific antigen test at age forty (40) for covered persons having a family history of prostate cancer; and

(2) An annual medically recognized early detection examination including, but not limited to, a digital rectal examination and a prostate-specific antigen test for:

(1) Asymptomatic men, aged fifty (50) and over;

(2) African-American men, aged forty (40) and over.

The provisions of this section shall apply to any contract offered or renewed after the effective date of this act unless the contract permits an earlier implementation.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.